(क) क्या सरकार का इंडियन एयरलाइंस के सेवा निवृत्त होने वाले कर्मचारियों को पेंशन दिए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) इंडियन एयरलाइंस के कर्मचारियों में अंशदायी भविष्य निधि और उपदान सेवा-निवृत्ति-उत्तर लाभ उपलब्ध है। पेंशन योजना शुरू किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Site for New Airport in Bangalore

222. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to news reports emanating from U.N.I. Bangalore on 27th of October, 1991 indicating that work relating to identification of a site for a new airport for Bangalore has come to a virtual standstill;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what corrective steps have been taken or proposed in this regard;

(c) whether Government have set up any time frame for completion of this important airport and if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether Government will ensure a futuristic design for this prestigious International Airport and if necessary will assign the work to overseas experienced architects?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However the contents of news report are not correct, the Committee set for finding the site for an alternative airport near Bangalore is holding its meetings from time to time and it is expected to submit its report by December, 1991.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is premature to consider these aspects.

Extension of runway at Gokul airport Hubli

223. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether runway of Gokul Airport at Hubli is now being extended to 2,500 metres;

(b) whether this will enable boeings and airbuses, the main aircraft of Indian Airlines, to use this airport; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to build a standard runway of 3,500 metres at Hubli?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Airports Authority has not plan to extend runway at Hubli.

Production and export of Handicrafts

224. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to increase the production and export of handicrafts;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the production and export of handicrafts from Orissa;

(c) the details thereof?